Definitions for Types of Nonfiction

Speech: oral communication to an audience for a given purpose

News Article: an article that tells you about events that are occurring in the world

Editorial: a type of persuasive writing that is published in a newspaper

Persuasive Writing: writing which makes an argument or attempts to prove something is true

Personal Essay: is informal and may deal with any subject

Anecdote: a brief story told to make a point or to entertain

Autobiography: story of a person's life written by that person

Memoir: type of autobiographical writing which focuses only on a part of the writer's life which shaped his/her life significantly  
Biography: story of a person's life written by another person